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1. Poloff delivered reftels' talking points to Marcelo Bohlke of the MFA's United Nations Division on June 16. Bohlke, who will participate in the International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, reiterated that the GoB has already signed the third protocol and intends to support amending the Movement's statutes to include the Red Crystal and the Palestinian Red Crescent. He added that the GoB prefers to include the amendments by consensus, as opposed to vote, as this will affect both the implementation and overall effectiveness of the new measures. In spite of this support, Bohlke was unable to respond to the adjournment issue because the GoB, unaware of this potential scenario, did not have policy in place. He did, however, highlight that "the GoB favors a decision, now". He also, noted that he would bring the issue of adjournment to the attention of the GoB delegation. Bohlke concluded by restating that the GoB wants to conclude the amendment process in accordance with the outcomes of the Geneva Conventions.

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